THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Education of the severely handicapped children is the concern of the Ministry of Welfare. According to the information furnished by that Ministry, the Institute for the Physically Handicapped, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi, is running a special school for orthopaedically handicapped children since 1978. Orthopaedically handicapped children in the age group 6 to 11 years are admitted to this school. During the year 1988-89, 44 children were on the rolls of this school. The present policy of the Government is that segregation of orthopaedically handicapped children should be avoided and instead of running special schools for them, they should be provided integrated education along with the normal children, so as to ensure their proper development. Keeping this in view, it has been decided to phase out gradually the special school being run by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped. Even after phasing out of this school, one or two sections of classes will continue to be run in the Institute so that children who come to the Institute for corrective surgery and fitment of limbs do not have to miss their schooling for this duration. The children who are already in the school will continue to be there till they pass out of the school.

Imposition of Fine on Mohinder Amarnath by the Cricket Control Board of India

3309. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the imposition of a fine of Rs. 20,000/- on the Cricket Star Mohinder Amarnath by the Cricket Control Board of India;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the circumstances leading to imposition of such a heavy fine and propose to intervene in the matter; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have considered the question of reconstitution of the Cricket Control Board of India to ensure justice to the cricketers; if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This is a matter between the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the individual sports person. Board of Control for Cricket in India is an independent autonomous body and Government does not normally interfere in its internal matters.

Cracks in Udayagiri Caves

3310. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" of January 30, 1989 to the effect that cracks have appeared in the world famous Udayagiri Caves in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to maintain and to improve the caves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P.

SHAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Udayagiri Caves in District Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh are in a good state of preservation.

No new cracks have appeared recently other than the visible joints and fissures which form inherent feature in the mother rock.

Implementation of the Decisions of Islamabad SAARC Summit

3311. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what steps have been taken by Government in pursuance of the decisions taken at the recent Islamabad SAARC Summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Government is actively engaged in discussions with other SAARC member countries, on the follow-up actions on the decisions of the Islamabad Summit.

Inquiry into the Collision of 2 BD Passenger and Down Howrah Goods Special 534 Train

3312. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report of the inquiry instituted into the collision of 2 Barwadih-Dehri-on-Sone passenger and down Howrah Goods Special 534 train on December 16th, 1988, has been submitted to Government;

(b) if so, what are its findings as to the causes of the collision and the extent of damage to life and property suffered; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against those found responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accident occurred due to the failure of Railway Staff . In this accident, the Guard of the Goods train losts his life. Loss to Railway property has been estimated at Rs. 1,50,000|-.

(c) As a prelude to taking disciplinary action against the defaulting staff, they have been placed under suspension.

Ferry Service on the Ganga in Bihar

3313. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: **Will the Minister of SURFACE** TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the mishap on Maniharighat-Bhagalpur route last year, no ferry is plying on the Ganga;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central and State Ministers have time and again publicly announced that ferry service would be started soon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a ferry boat named Sangaritra is standing ready for operations; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Consequent upon the boat accident near Maniharighat of Katihar District in Bihar on 6-8-1988, with a view to see that the State Government ensures resumption of ferry services, the Central Government had coordinated with the State Government of Bihar for making available to them two barges stationed at Goa. The State Government of Bihar have, however, now indicated that they are taking steps to utilise this Ministry's vessel "Sagarika", which is already with State Government's Tourism Corporation, for runing ferry services.